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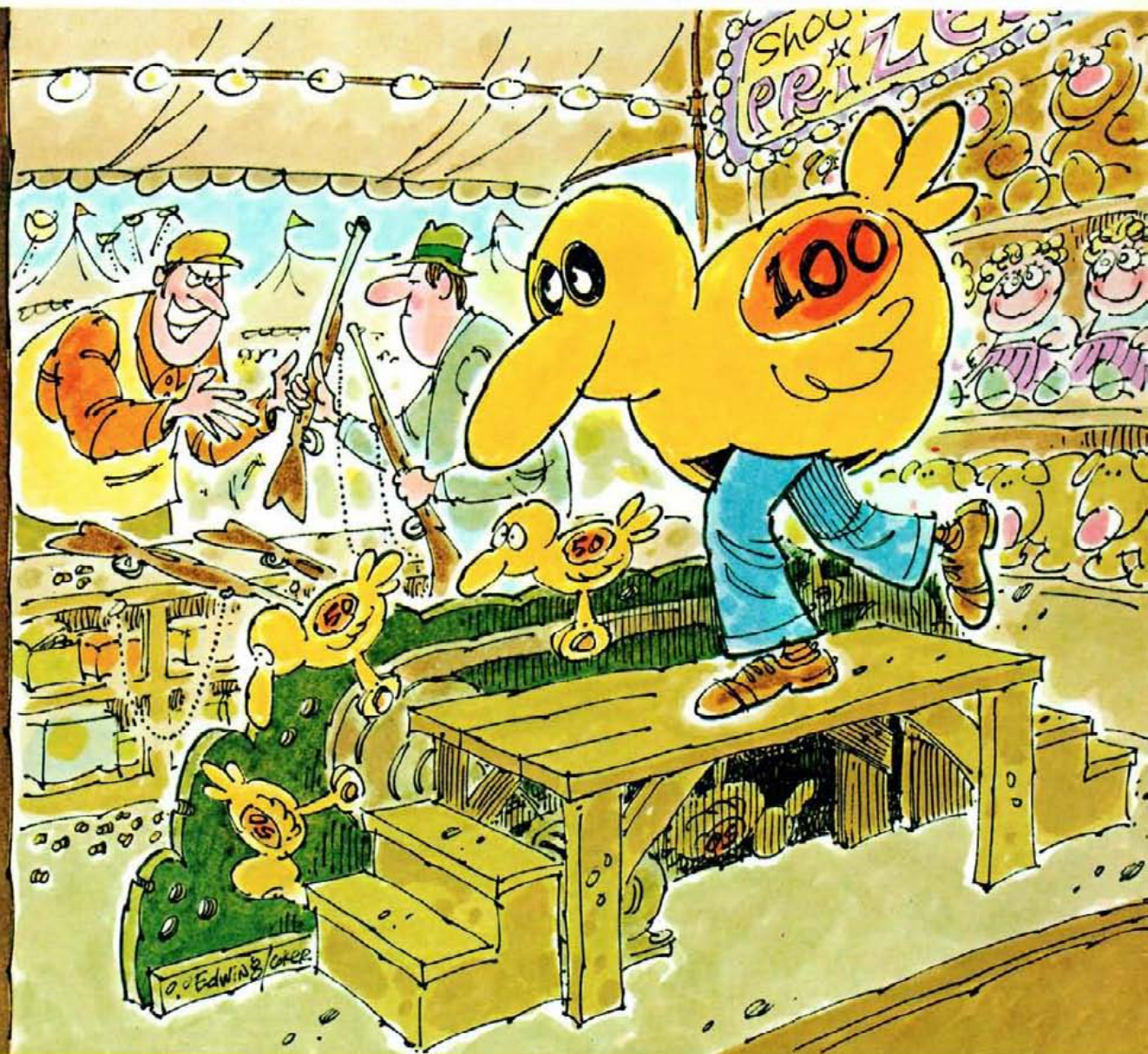
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## LETTERS DEPT.



### PERSONAL THANKS

I am currently appearing as the son, Lionel Jefferson, on the television series *THE JEFFERSONS*. Recently, a friend gave me a copy of the June, 1977, issue of *MAD* which contained a brilliant and truthful statement of not only *THE JEFFERSONS*, but all predominately Black situation comedies. I would like to take this time to personally thank you for what I consider an overdue peak and criticism of the glossy and false facade of those weekly episodes, and for revealing the white wash jobs currently being done by all of those White producers, writers and directors who have their views and attitudes of how the Black man and family unit should be exhibited to America through the powerful media of television. I must confess that in the past I have too often found myself only laughing at your cartoons instead of reading and digesting all of the nuances which are clearly stated. No more!

Damon Evans  
THE JEFFERSONS  
Los Angeles, Calif.

### DON MARTIN HEAD LINES

Don Martin's "Late One Afternoon In South Dakota" was very heady stuff!

John Lee  
Willingboro, N.J.

I laughed my head off reading "Late One Afternoon In South Dakota". I wonder if Lincoln did the same?

John Copsey  
Winnipeg, Man.  
Canada

### MISHAPS OF THE FUTURE

"Mishaps Of The Future" was a mishap of the present!

Ashley Schauer  
Hebron, N.D.

## GROSS ENCOUNTERS OF THE WORST KIND

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## STAR ROARS

The movie "Star Wars" is considered the greatest action and adventure epic of its time. It was wholesome, with expensive suspended models blown to bits, a handsome hero, a plucky heroine, an even more handsome mercenary, a devilish villain, a pair of androids; all with no sexual innuendoes. (Just a sloppy kiss of gratitude!) Your interpretation of this "epic" brought some viable answers to this mechanical Aesop fable. Thanks, guys!

Meriannea Köbenhov  
Mountain View, Calif.

Congratulations on the many nice touches of "Star Wars". The shadowing, texture, and overall quality of the artwork combined to carry off the lampoon with a believable continuity. Sly inclusions, like the use of George Lucas as "the man from the electric company", combined to make a number of the panels classic.

Martin F. Barnard  
Wichita, Kansas

"Star Roars" was a definite mock to "Star Wars", but the movie was almost as bad.

Mike Brandolino  
Trenton, N.J.

"Star Roars" was great, fabulous, far out. Knowing you guys as I do, I'm sure you didn't planet that way. Incidentally, I've been spaced out on *MAD* since issue #32, 1958. No wonder I'm 29 and still unmarried!

Paul E. Martin  
Freeport, N.Y.

I took one *Luke* at "Star Roars" and almost flipped my *Wookiees*!

Chris Doyle  
Ellicott City, Md.

Bee-deep! Tweet! Boop! (Translation) "Star Roars" was out of this world!

Steve Becker  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

### IF CELEBRITIES ANSWERED FAN MAIL

Your article "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail" was realistic except for one letter. Shouldn't the letter from Johnny Carson have been written by a guest host?

Linda Pence  
North Huntingdon, Pa.

Your "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail" made me stamp with rage when I found out you didn't do a letter from Farrah!

Mark Tatulli  
Willingboro, N.J.

In your "If Celebrities Answered Their Own Fan Mail", did Bing Crosby use a ghost writer?

Dennis Besanceney  
Brentwood, N.Y.

Only a deadhead couldn't figure out that *MAD* went to press before he died!—Ed.

"Star Roars" was beautifully starcastiel!  
Monica L. Smith  
Bakersfield, Calif.

Your rendition of "Star Wars" was a real cosmic connection. Your best movie satire... ever!

Debra Alexanian  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Star Roars" sent me into orbit!  
Bill Burg  
Sacramento, Calif.

I hope Obi-Wan Kenobi sticks a light sabre up your nuclear reactor shaft!

Mike Bender  
Pasadena, Texas

Harry North's freaked-out and out-freaked air terminal bar scene may not be so outlandish. Seems I've encountered some of the same creatures at "The Bottom Of The Barrel", in Union City, New Jersey. WE ARE NOT ALONE!

Marc Cosgrove  
Jersey City, N.J.

Larry Siegel and Dick De Bartolo took a great movie and moved it vertically into a new zodiacal plane and brought it horizontally into a new zionosphere. How come you didn't show Zader being blasted?

Dan Hite  
LaPalma, Calif.

Like the original movie, we're saving him for "Star Roars II"—Ed.

May the farce be with you!  
Anthony Scavelli  
Bronx, N.Y.

May the F=MA be with you!  
Mark Hladik  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### HE'S COMPANY

In "He's Company", Torres and Kogen took a totally funny show and made it funnier. "Tacky" should win a 'Femmy Award'!

Gregg Solomon  
Plainview, N.Y.

### CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Thanks to all the writers and artists of *MAD* who have caused we Australians to laugh at the American way of life and who have made us fervently say to ourselves, "Thank God, we're not American!"

Marg McCafferty  
Victoria, Australia

Yeah? Well, thank God we don't have to walk upside down!—Ed.

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I'm really amazed to find such an **OLD HULK** down here!

Why?!? Sunken ships are all over these waters!

I'm not talking about ships! I'm talking about Robert Shaw!!

Oh-oh! I think I've made a silly error! I seem to be in the wrong "Underwater Movie" satire! What are you looking for?

There's a treasure in morphine down here! People will pay a fortune for it!

Why should they?! For \$3.50, they can see this movie and fall asleep just as soundly!





**BUBBLE, BOTTLES AND BOOBS DEPT.**

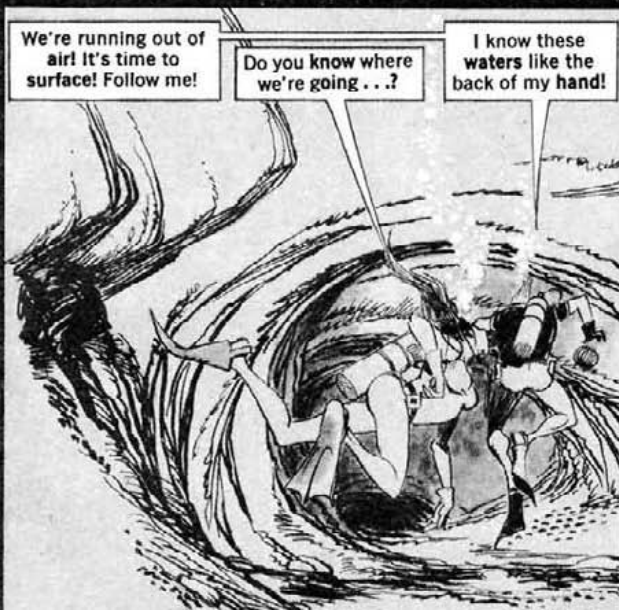
Among the epidemic of "Underwater Movies" that have come out lately, perhaps the most successful (box office-wise) was the one about the young couple in Bermuda diving for sunken treasure. The treasure, it turns out, was the only thing of value in the entire moronic movie. So take a deep breath, hold your nose, and see if you can stay under long enough to read this MAD version of

# DO THE D



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: STAN HART



We found this strange little bottle and this interesting medallion, and we were wondering if they were worth anything! Do you have some books that'll tell us?

I must ask you to leave! You're creating too much noise in here!

Noise?!? But I'm only WHISPERING!

I know! But the natives are all yelling, "HUBBA, HUBBA!"

LIBRARY



I want to know about that bottle you found! It may be worth a lot of money!

It's nothing but an old bottle!

It's from the 18th Century!

What makes it so valuable?

It's a "Deposit Bottle"! Do you realize what 5¢—with compound interest for 250 years—is worth?



There's no doubt about it! You have two things that are extremely valuable... and of exceptional beauty!

Especially when she's wearing a wet tee shirt!

I mean the bottle... and the medallion!



I suggest you take your bottle and your medallion and go home!

WHAT home?

Er... don't you have a home...?

None that's mentioned in this picture!

Well, what are you DOING here?

That wasn't mentioned either! Tell us, Mister Trees, what are YOU doing here?

How should I know?! I'm in the same picture you are!



They're trying to KILL us!!

No, the first thing they want to do is just frighten us!

And after we're frightened?

THEN they'll kill us!

You're no comfort!!

Maybe not, but I'm great in bed!!

Yeah, great! Mainly when you sleep alone!



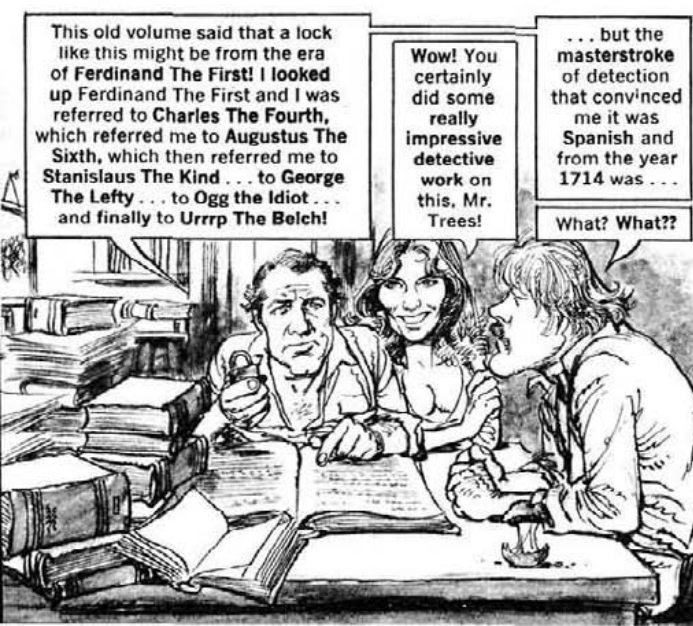
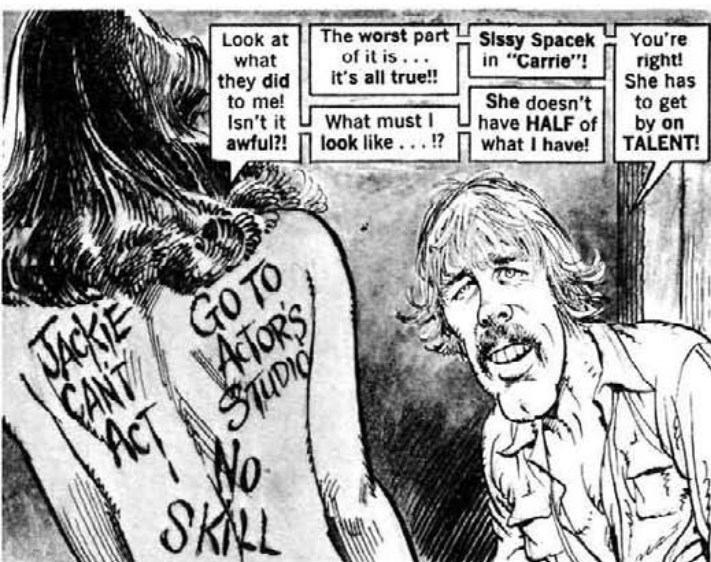
This is a very interesting development! It shows that all the people who complained that the movie industry was "racist" because there were no Blacks in "Star Wars" are WRONG!!

Are they...?!! All the Blacks in this movie are BAD GUYS!

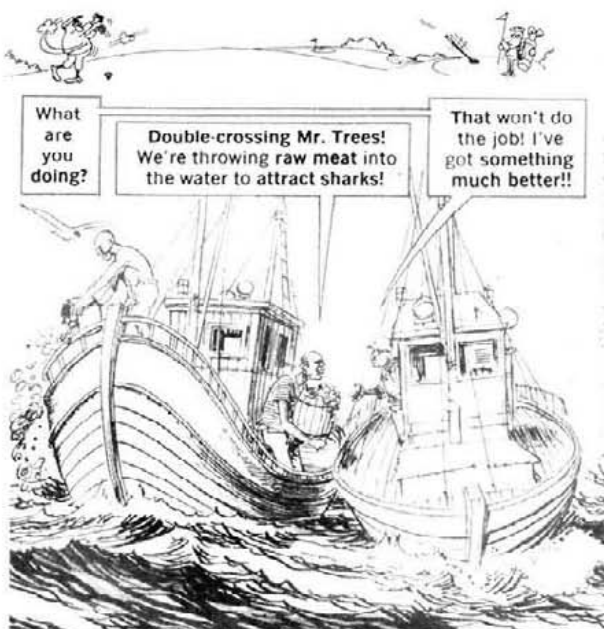














How'd you get him?

Simple! I told him to take off his mask and fight like a man!



Nice going! And we're in luck! The gigantic moray eel just took care of the other one!

What a horrible way to die!

You know a GOOD way?!!



We're too late!! The charge just went off!!



Where's Mr. Trees?

I think he's a goner!

That's what you think ...



I know!! You took a shortcut!

And I have the treasure!!



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It's amazing that you survived!

There are two obvious reasons for my survival! One ... they need me for "THE DIP II" ... and ...



Two ... it teaches us an important lesson for our times!

And what is that?

It proves that an old crook with no morals, and a young greedy couple who will stop at nothing to get rich, will always WIN in this world!!



# ONE MORNING IN A DRUG STORE



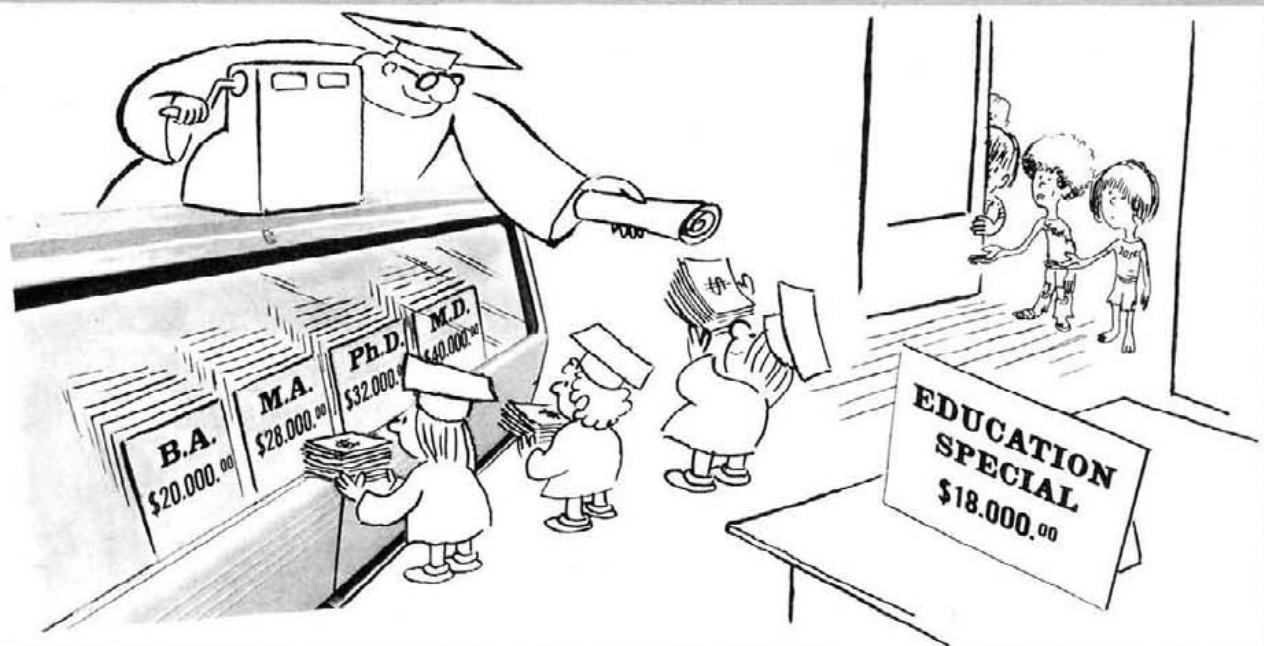
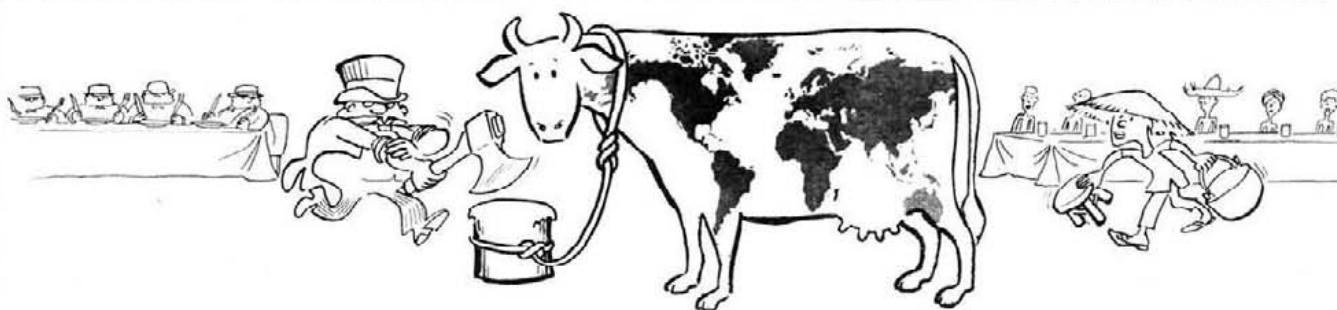
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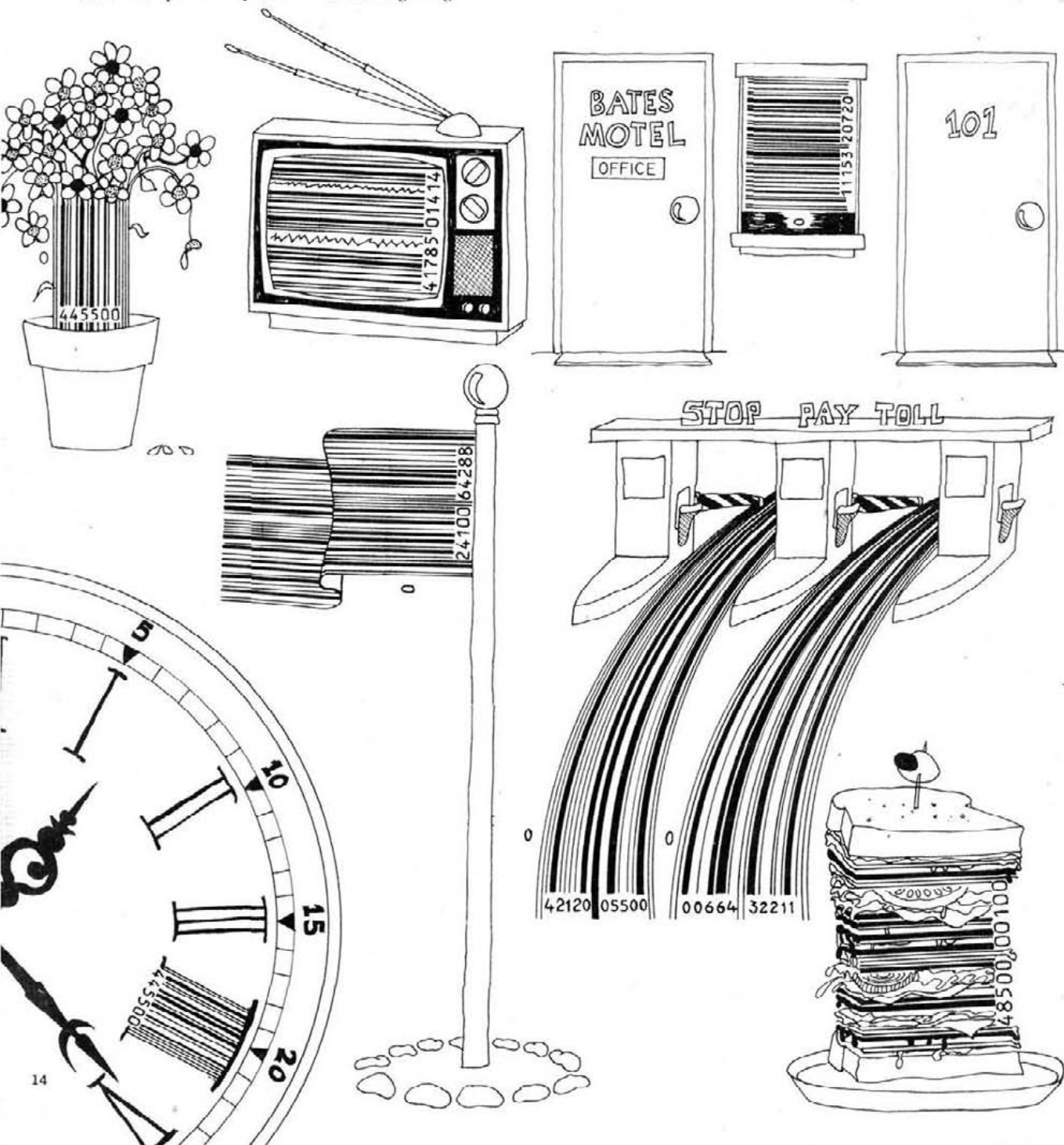




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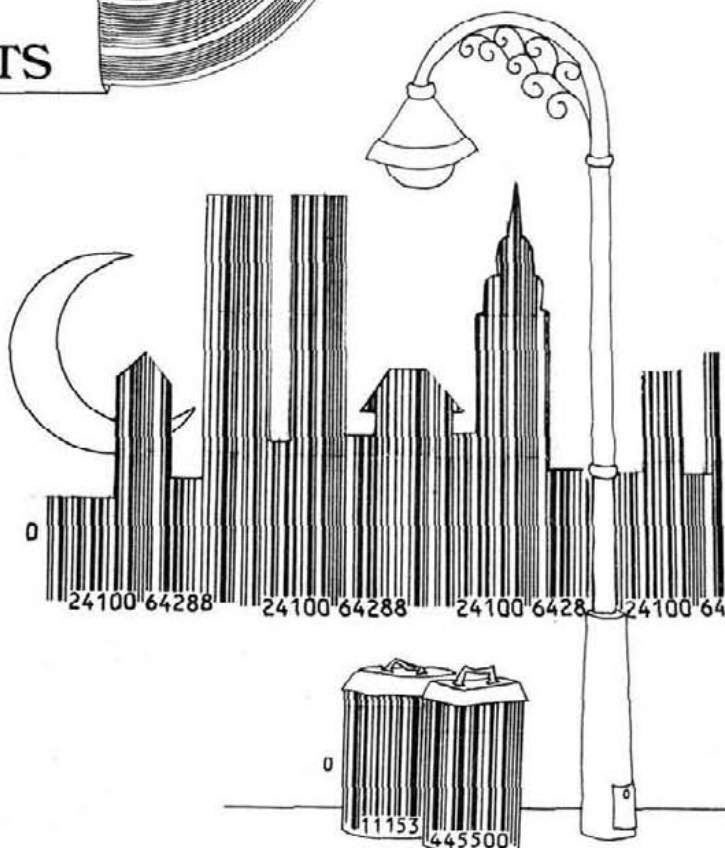
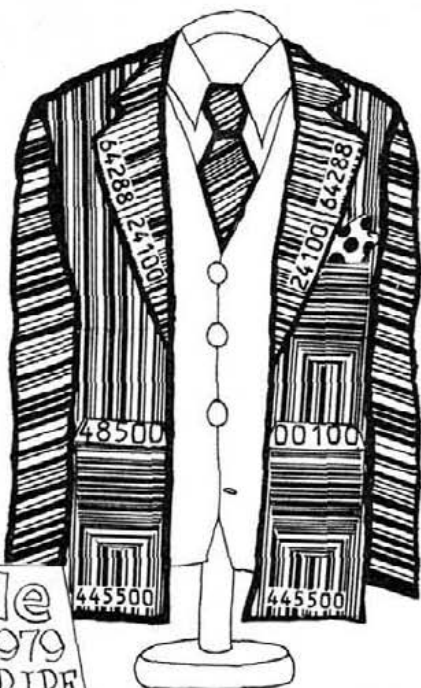
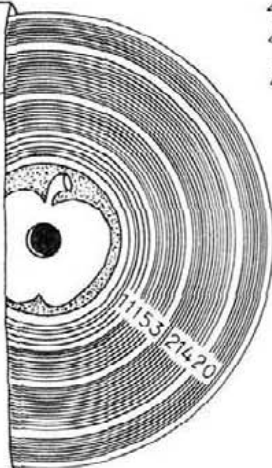
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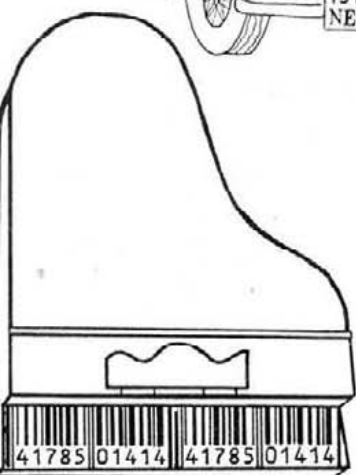
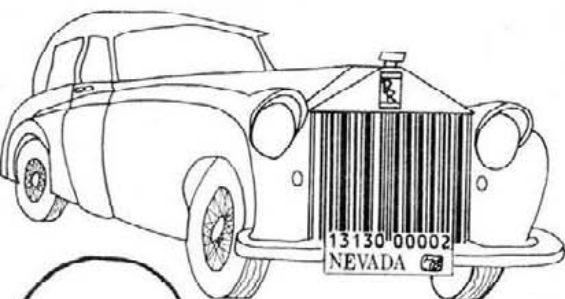
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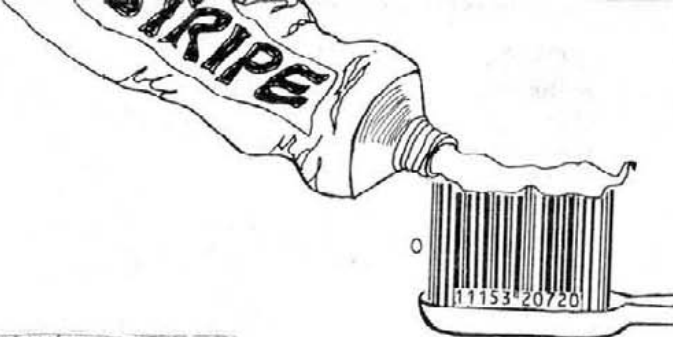


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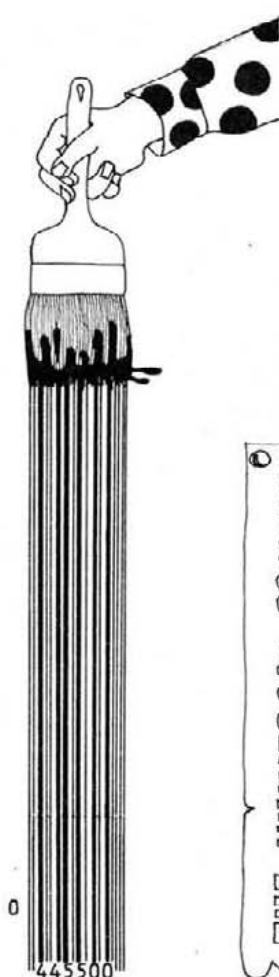
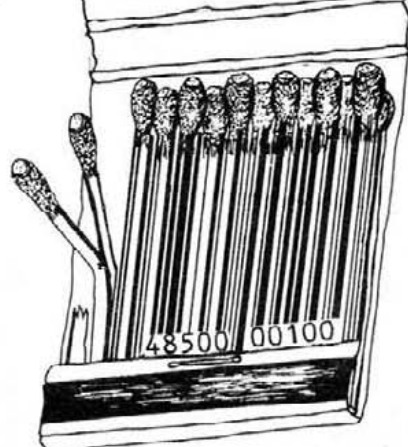


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**TORTURE OF LEARNING DEPT.**

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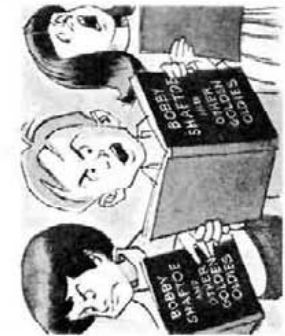
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**DEFECTIVE M. & M. BRAND CRAYONS** melt in your mouth and in your hand. Use of too much paraffin and watery dye in manufacturing this batch makes crayons become goopy soft when exposed to temperatures above 35 degrees. A double-barreled horror for kids as they get yelled at by teachers for ruining their art work, and then get yelled at by parents for ruining their clothes.

**5569-VIVID COLOR-LIVID REACTION CRAYONS .43¢ box**

**SILENCE ANNOYING SQUEALS OF EXCITEMENT** in your schoolyard during recess by providing children with one of our defective, delatated playground balls. Squeal provoking games are utterly impossible with these lifeless babies, forcing kids to schloomp around in blessed, sullen silence. Order several. You'll be pleased with the results.

**11528-DEAD, SQUOOSHY PLAYGROUND BALL \$1.75 ea.**

**DELUXE TWO-SPEED DRINKING FOUNTAIN** is specially designed for educational purposes. Secret setting can be changed in a jiffy from "Feeble Drip" to "Soaking Splash." Helps gullible primary graders learn never to take anything for granted in life. Also helps teach desert survival techniques by forcing kids to go through entire school day without drinkable water.

**2791-DRENCH-OR-DRIBBLE DRINKING FOUNTAIN \$129.95**



**ENCOURAGE PAPER TOWEL CONSERVATION** in school rest rooms by filling dispensers with our Rough-N-Ready brand toweling. Cheaply made from semi-raw wood pulp, leaving plenty of splinters and bark particles to dig into tender young skin. You save money as children quickly learn to let hands remain wet, or bring extra handkerchiefs from home.

**81442—PAINFUL PAPER TOWELS** 29¢ pkg.



**WHY DEPEND ON SURPRISE QUIZZES** to shatter children's nerves when flickering fluorescent lights in your classrooms can do the job more efficiently? Teachers will love the results as they watch our shoddy fixtures work subconsciously to turn normally active kids into docile basket cases. Stock up on these factory rejects at special bargain prices.

**90268—FAULTY FLICKERING FLUORESCENT FIXTURES** \$8.75 doz.



**INHUMANLY COLD SHOWER** lets you provide an agonizing climax to gym classes that are not quite as unpleasant as you'd like to make them. Patented device filters out all hot and luke warm water to make compulsory showers a chilling experience. Guaranteed to separate the men from the boys, assuming you've already separated the boys from the girls prior to showering.

**36471—"ARCTIC KNIGHT" BRAND GYM SHOWERS** \$11,500 per dozen units



**GENUINE ALGAE SLIME-AND-GLYCERINE FLOOR POLISH** creates an amazing slick surface that prevents boisterous youngsters from running in school hallways. Also prevents less boisterous youngsters from walking in school hallways. Order several cans to polish up your crummy floors while you polish off your crummy students.

**4846—UPSY-DAISY FLOOR POLISH** ISH \$3.50 gallon



**"TIP-EASY" SCHOOL CHAIRS** fool everyone with their deceptively sturdy appearance. Actually, each is hand crafted with a delicate center of balance that can be thrown out of whack with the slightest nudge. You'll want to fill your classrooms with plenty of these beauties to provide shy and clumsy students with a never ending source of embarrassment.

**9055—NON-FOLDING CHAIRS THAT FOLD UP ANYWAY** \$32.50 ea.



**OUT-OF-DATE WORLD GLOBES** serve the dual purpose of saving you money while they're making it impossible for your students to pass Geography. Also nice for young nostalgia buffs who prefer to learn about the world as it used to be. These globes are free of defects, and were imported by us from one of the finest map making firms in the Ottoman Empire.

**28559—"OLD WORLD" BRAND SCHOOL GLOBES** \$8.50 ea.



**FACTORY REJECT CHALK** can be one of your teachers' best weapons in the fight to shatter youthful nerves. Soft texture contains just enough hard chalk lumps to assure one horrifying screech on blackboard before each slick breaks into numerous small pieces. Enjoy watching kids suffer from terrible noise, and then chew them out for wasting chalk.

**29551—CRUMMY, CRUMBLY CHALK** ...\$3.50 doz. boxes



**BOTTLED LOCKER ROOM STENCH** gives your gym facilities that "lived in" smell. Ideal for newly constructed schools where locker rooms have not yet become sufficiently gamy to make kids throw up when they're required to take Phys. Ed. right after lunch. Also great for confirming the younger generation's expressed belief that the whole world stinks.

**11527—ESSENCE OF SWEAT SOCKS** \$2.75 per 6 oz. can





**SCARY CLASSROOM ANIMALS** enable youngsters to learn the meaning of fear while they're also learning the meaning of zoology. Why settle for insipid hamsters or white mice when iguanas and boa constrictors are harder species better able to take care of themselves over week-ends and vacations?

**8842—VICIOUS BEASTS (ASSORTED TYPES AND SIZES)** \$15 ea.

**CHINTZY, ILL FITTING COSTUMES** can add a note of comedy to otherwise boring school pageants. We found these at a rummage sale in Taiwan, and pass the savings on to you. Costumes feature cheap material, poor sewing and inaccurately marked sizes to assure you that kids will make fools of themselves on stage, and turn your next dull pageant into a laugh riot.

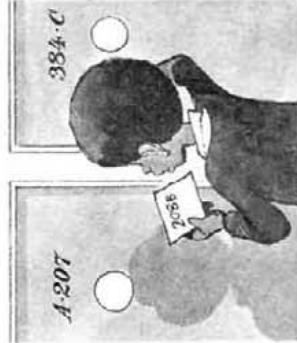
**877—LOUSY LINCOLN COSTUME \$6.65**  
**878—PUNK PILGRIM COSTUME \$5.85**  
**879—CRUDDY XMAS COSTUME \$7.29**

**MADDENING MIMEO MACHINE** lowers student grade averages by cleverly smudging key words in quiz questions. Mechanism is equipped with irregular ink dribbler, automatic stencil ripper, cockeyed paper feeder and other illegibility devices not normally found on mimeos in this price range.

**26465—SMUDGY MIMEO \$47.50**

**CLEVERLY REARRANGED CLASSROOM NUMBERS** can induce panicky confusion among even your coolest upperclassmen. We offer complete sets of handsome brass numerals, together with instructions for switching them around on your doors in a zany new sequence each semester. A great way to increase absenteeism in crowded schools by preventing students from finding their assigned classes.

**33917—CLASSY BRASSY CLASSROOM NUMBERS \$42 per 10**



**PRECISION WEATHER INSTRUMENT WITH ELECTRIC BELL ATTACHMENT** automatically sounds alarm for school fire drill whenever temperature drops to zero or wind reaches 40 M.P.H. Completely eliminates risk of staging drills on nice warm days when children might actually enjoy going outdoors.

**5578—CLANG-A-MATIC PNEUMONIA-MATIC FIRE DRILLTIMER \$49.95**



**INFERIOR SHOP TOOLS** doom junior high school woodworking projects to botched up disaster from the word go. Helps youngsters learn to accept the agony of defeat as they struggle in vain to make bookends, etc. Tool defects are scarcely noticeable, causing kids to accept teacher's judgment that their own klutziness is responsible for lousy results.

**33014—CROOKED TOOTH SAW \$8.50**  
**33015—NICKED BLADE PLANE \$7.75**

**WEIRDLY MARKED LAB EQUIPMENT** helps turn even the simplest chemistry experiment into a student's nightmare. These test tubes were picked up cheap in a small European country that still uses such quaint measurements as hogsheads, gills and pennyweights. Impossibility of translating lab results into commonly used terms enables teachers to base final grades on pure whim.

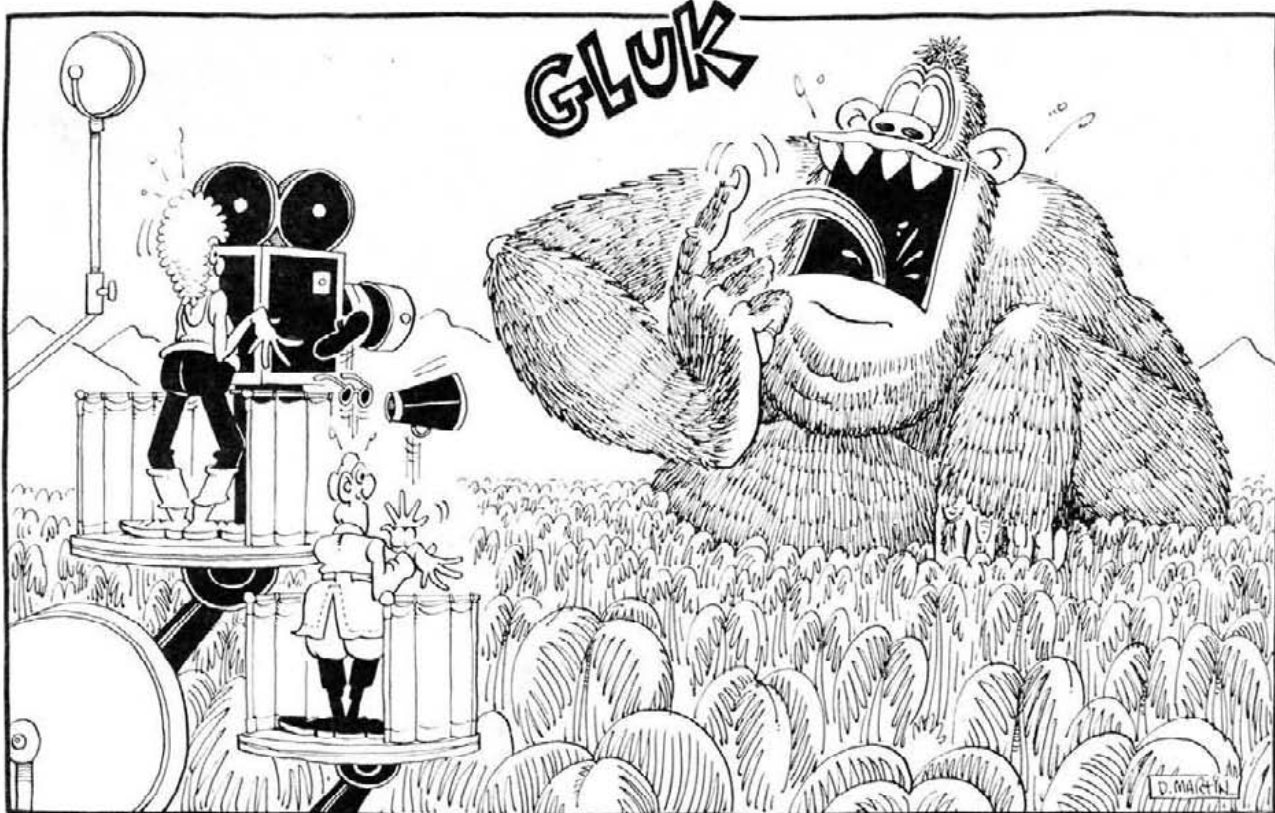
**6877—ODDBALL TEST TUBES .26¢ ea.**

**OUT-OF-FOCUS SLIDE PROJECTOR** makes all pictures look alike, thereby ending wasteful expense of buying new slides for new lectures. Poor lens quality coupled with non-functioning focus dial permit you to identify shapeless blobs on screen as anything you wish. Comes complete with "Scenic Italy" slide set for illustrating talks on biology, safe driving or even scenic Italy.

**11519—G.A.F. (GOOD AND FUZZY) BRAND PROJECTOR \$79.75**



# AROUND NOON ON A MOVIE SET



MINORITY RETORT DEPT.

Most young people look forward to the time when they'll be grown up and their parents will stop showering them with the same old trite words of caution, instruction and advice that they've heard almost every day of their lives. Well, forget it! Chances are that when you reach forty, Mom and Dad will still be counseling you to drive slower, dress warmer, and

# KIDS' FRESH NEW PARENTS' TIRED

Or "What To Tell Your Parents When They Tell You M



ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.





stop hanging out with the wrong crowd. However, there is a way to escape those well-meant parental clichés you've heard a thousand times. The trick is to make your folks realize that their words of "wisdom" are unnecessary, meaningless and downright silly. And to put your point across so you won't get clobbered, MAD furnishes you with tactful examples of

# V COMEBACKS TO OLD COMMENTS

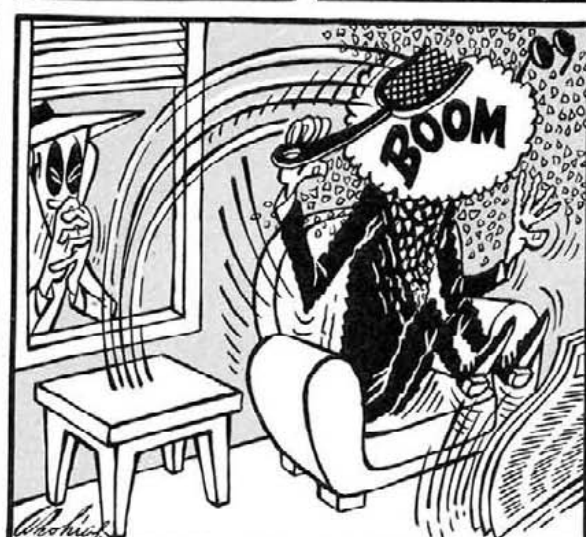
ot To Do Something You Weren't Going To Do Anyway"



WRITER: TOM KOCH



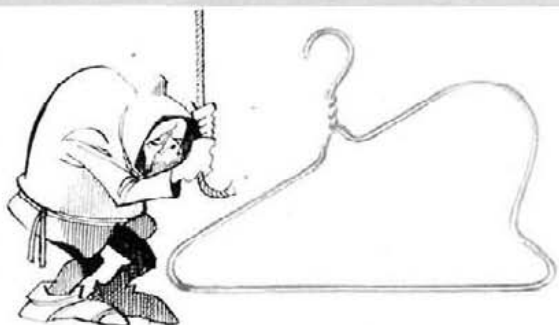




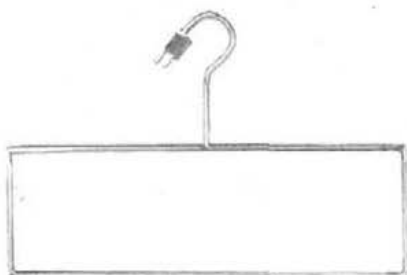


# SOME LEGENDAR

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE



THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME'S  
WIRE HANGER



THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER'S  
WIRE HANGER



RONALD McDONALD'S  
WIRE HANGER



DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE'S  
WIRE HANGER



ZORRO'S  
WIRE HANGER



SNOW WHITE'S  
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LADY GODIVA'S  
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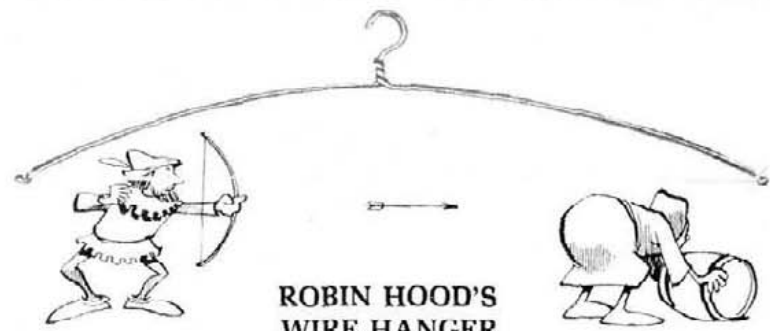


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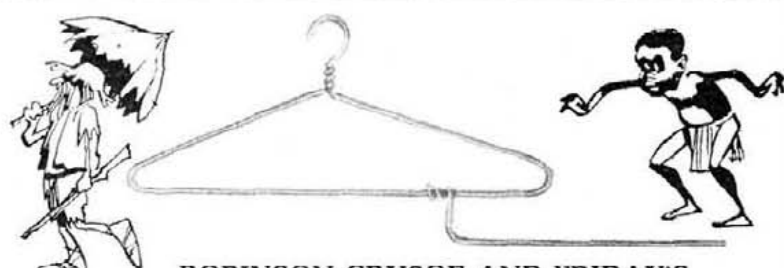
WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



TOULOUSE-LAUTREC'S  
WIRE HANGER



ROBIN HOOD'S  
WIRE HANGER



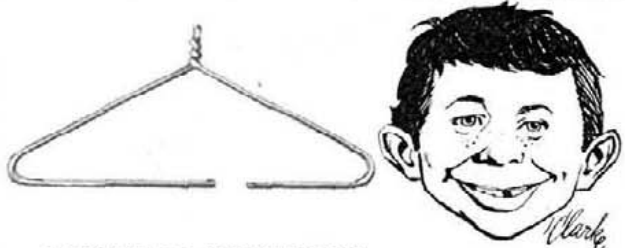
ROBINSON CRUSOE AND FRIDAY'S  
WIRE HANGER



THE THREE MUSKETEER'S  
WIRE HANGER



THE ROTO-ROOTER MAN'S  
WIRE HANGER



ALFRED E. NEUMAN'S  
WIRE HANGER

Let's see . . .  
I do believe  
I have every-  
thing ready  
to cook up  
a storm . . .

I don't think  
so! To make a  
beef shish kebab  
properly, you  
have to place  
onion slices . . .

There will be no kibitzing of  
the chef! Here . . . I'm the  
chief cook and bottle washer!

But . . .

I'LL THANK YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY KITCHEN!



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

Yes! Yes, I'll tell  
him . . . right away!!

Harold! It's the Volunteer  
Fire Brigade! They need you  
quick! Schmotta's Clothing  
Store is on fire! Hurry!!

I'm coming!!

I'm so glad  
you're a  
Volunteer  
Fireman!

Why? Are you  
proud of me . . .  
the way I want  
to help people?

No, it's just that I'm the  
first to know when there's  
going to be a FIRE SALE!





That's the Fire Bell! All right, children! Line up here quickly and quietly and march out of the school in an orderly manner!

I want to congratulate you children! You all did that very well! It was a real pleasure to see how calmly and cheerfully you did that!

Now, we know we can count on you if the real thing happens!

Aw, gee! You mean it was only a DRILL??



ARTIST & WRITER: DAVID BERG

Oh, goody! We're having a barbecue! What's the menu?

We're starting with a Greek salad! Then . . . we're having Hungarian goulash garnished with Bermuda onions, Italian lasagna, Chinese stir-fried vegetables and hot French bread with Swiss cheese . . .

. . . all cooked on a Japanese habachi!

That's a small banquet! What are we celebrating?

What else?!? American Independence Day!!





I'm so sorry, but the dinner I invited you over for is out! The stove isn't working!

Don't worry, baby! I'll show you how smart I am! Old Mr. Handyman will fix it for you!

Damn! This is impossible! The engineer who designed the pile of junk should be hung by his thumbs!

What are you trying to do?

Light your pilot light!

On an **ELECTRIC STOVE**???

We live in the "Throw-Away Age"... and this lighter is a prime example!

You buy one comparatively cheap, use it for a reasonable time, and when it's used up, the idea is to throw it away and buy another one!

But you've got a **DRAWERFUL** of **OLD** throw-away lighters!

I can't bring myself to throw them away!

Yeah... I know...

I hate the smell of a burning cigar! Take it outside and smoke it! And while you're out there, like raking the leaves!

Okay! Okay! I'm going!

Now **THAT's** something I love... the smell of burning leaves!

Is that so?!

Well, A **CIGAR** IS **BURNING LEAVES**!!



Hold it! Before we sit down and the lights go out, I want to check where the "Exits" are!

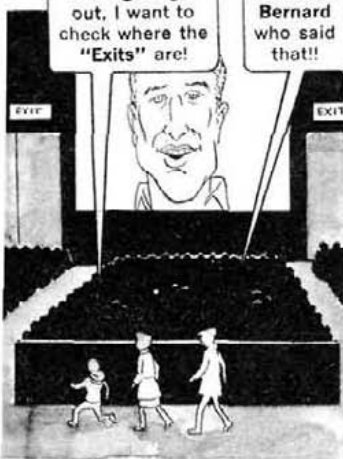
Did you hear that? That's our Bernard who said that!!

I'm so proud of him! Imagine, at his age, having the foresight to orient himself with all the escape doors in case of a fire emergency!

Just for that, I'm taking you to the candy counter! I'm going to reward you for being such a good boy!

What'n heck is taking Bernard so long...?!!

Yeah! He was supposed to open the "Exit" doors so we could sneak in for free!



It's very romantic, having dinner by candlelight! But I can hardly see what I'm eating! What's this dish?

Viennese Sauerbraten!

And what's this one?

French Crêpes Suzettes!

And what's this one?

Irish Linen Napkin! How do you like it?

To tell you the truth, all these foreign dishes taste the same to me!



Here is a collection of editorials warning us that we are running out of domestic oil and natural gas, and the OPEC nations are bleeding us dry with their high oil prices!

And here is another collection of editorials warning us not to use the vast coal deposits we have instead, because burning coal will cause air pollution!

So I ask you... what is there left to burn?!

The editorials!



David Bero

**SELLER BEWARE DEPT.**

Whenever you purchase an appliance, you're always asked to fill out a "Warranty Card"! Believe us, the only thing that card guarantees is that the manufacturer will get a lot of free information about you so he can plot his next campaign to sucker you into buying another of his appliances. Here are the kinds of questions he'll ask you to answer:

**ACME APPLIANCE COMPANY****7-DAY WARRANTY**

In Order To Validate Your 7-Day Warranty, Fill Out And Mail This Card Within 5 Hours Of Purchase

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPLIANCE \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE PURCHASED: ☐ DEPT. STORE. ☐ APPLIANCE STORE. ☐ DISCOUNT STORE.

LIST PRICE \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE PAID \_\_\_\_\_ (If these are the same, please make all future purchases directly from Mr. Seymour Acme at his home basement store)

REASON FOR PURCHASING THIS ACME APPLIANCE: ☐ SAW IT ADVERTISED ☐ RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND ☐ RECOMMENDED BY A FORMER FRIEND ☐ THE DEALER, WHO MAKES AN 80% PROFIT, PUSHED IT

IF ADVERTISING, CHECK TYPE: ☐ TV. ☐ RADIO. ☐ MAGAZINE. ☐ NEWSPAPER. ☐ WRITTEN ON PUBLIC BATHROOM WALL. ☐ OTHER

SERIAL NUMBER OF APPLIANCE \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number Is Located Inside The Motor Housing WARNING: OPENING THE MOTOR HOUSING ON ANY ACME APPLIANCE VOIDS ITS WARRANTY

APPLIANCE PURCHASED BY: ☐ MALE. ☐ FEMALE. ☐ OTHER. IF MALE, STATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ AND OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

IF FEMALE, STATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_, MEASUREMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ AND EVENINGS FREE \_\_\_\_\_

I INTEND TO USE THIS APPLIANCE FOR: ☐ HOME USE. ☐ BUSINESS. ☐ HOME AND BUSINESS. ☐ RECREATION. ☐ KINKY SEX. (If You Check The Latter, Please Describe Fully In Detail And Include Photographs—Preferably In Color)

MY ANNUAL INCOME IS: ☐ LESS THAN \$10,000. ☐ \$10-15,000. ☐ \$15-25,000. ☐ \$25-\$50,000. ☐ OVER \$50,000. (If You Make Over \$50,000 And You Still Buy Cheap Junk Like This Appliance, Please Explain Exactly Why!)

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS WARRANTY CARD IN FULL WILL RESULT IN EARLY APPLIANCE BREAKDOWN

Quite frankly, this practice gets us MAD! Why should we, the people who shell out the money to buy an appliance, then have to answer questions for the manufacturer! We think that turnabout is fair play, and it's about time those jokers answered some questions that we have! So next time you make an appliance purchase, cut out and send in this...

**WARRANTY QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE PURCHASING PUBLIC**

ATTENTION: \_\_\_\_\_ I RECENTLY PURCHASED: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Appliance Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Model And Serial Number Of Appliance \_\_\_\_\_

AND I DEMAND THAT YOU ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY AND RETURN THIS CARD TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

NAME OR NAMES OF PERSON OR PERSONS WHO MADE MY APPLIANCE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THEIR LEVELS OF COMPETENCY: ☐ EXCELLENT. ☐ GOOD. ☐ FAIR. ☐ POOR. ☐ RELATIVES OF EXECUTIVES.

WHAT DID IT COST TO MAKE THIS ITEM? _____	WHAT DID YOU CLAIM IT COST TO THE GOVERNMENT? _____	WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE COST WENT INTO ADVERTISING? _____	WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE COST WENT INTO THE OWNER'S YACHT? _____
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HOW MANY OF THESE ITEMS DID YOU MAKE IN 1978? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY OF THEM WERE DEFECTIVE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR COMPANY PRESIDENT? \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IS HIS ANNUAL SALARY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF HIS BONUS? \_\_\_\_\_ HIS EXPENSES? \_\_\_\_\_ HIS TOTAL "PERKS"? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER? (SO I CAN CALL HIM WHEN MY APPLIANCE BREAKS DOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

DOES THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR COMPANY USE THIS PRODUCT IN HIS HOME? ☐ YES. ☐ NO. (If Not, Explain Why!) \_\_\_\_\_

IS THERE A SIMILAR PRODUCT ON THE MARKET THAT IS SUPERIOR TO THIS ONE? ☐ YES. ☐ NO. (If Yes, Name It!) \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOUR WORKERS EARN A FAIR WAGE? ☐ YES. ☐ NO. ARE THEY TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY? ☐ YES. ☐ NO.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU LIED ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE? \_\_\_\_\_ IS YOUR LAST ANSWER ANOTHER LIE? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE COULD RESULT IN A CONSUMER BOYCOTT OF YOUR PRODUCTS!

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

## ESTABLISHMENT ANGUISH DEPT.

When Radicals first climbed up on their soap boxes in our Grandparents' day to denounce "The System," they ranted mostly against Big Banks and Heartless Corporations that tromped on Impoverished Working People. By the Hippie Era, of the '60's, orators had broadened their definition of

"The System" to embrace the Federal Government, the Local Police, the California Lettuce Growers and anybody else who wore shoes. By then, the victims included not only Impoverished Working People, but also impoverished people who wouldn't dream of working. Today, we are beginning to

# YOU CAN'T BEAT

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... banks only give free TV sets to people who open \$10,000 Savings Accounts ... which automatically excludes people who could really use free TV sets.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... there's seldom an opportunity to vote for an honest politician in the general elections because so few of them can raise enough campaign money to win in the primaries.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... the only thing going up faster than the price of gasoline is the national crime rate, which means that when you have to start riding a bicycle to work, it will immediately be stolen.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... appliance warranties never go into effect until you sign a card stating that everything that's likely to go wrong will be your fault.



realize that "The System" has become even bigger and more ominous than we were previously told. Today, it includes every computer-crazed clerk, every pompous planner, every bungling bureaucrat, every managerial misfit and every inflexible imbecile whose crackpot concepts are waiting to

snare us all in a web of cockeyed conformity. In short, "The System" has grown from a Left-Winger's Pet Peeve to a Man-Eating Monster. But no matter how much it may have changed over the years, there's only one comment you can make about it that's as true today as it was then, namely

# AT THE SYSTEM

WRITER: TOM KOCH

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... TV shows always wait until the very end to announce that you've been watching the first half of a two-part program, just so they can trap you into wasting another whole hour next week.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... most innoculations discovered by medical science to protect you against deadly disease have side effects that kill you even faster.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... traffic signals are always timed so you'll be stopped by every red light, unless you drive fast enough so you'll be stopped by the fuzz instead.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... you need a diploma from an Ivy League college to assure yourself of big money after you graduate, but to afford Ivy League tuition, you need big money before you matriculate.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... Child Labor Laws prevent your kids from going to work and contributing to the family income until they're old enough to leave home and continue not contributing to the family income.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... your creditors will keep on charging you 18% interest on the money you don't really owe, while you're trying to prove that you don't even owe it.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... waiting for department stores to have sales merely assures you of a wide selection of all that atrocious junk that they couldn't get rid of at regular prices.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... there's no way to land a job without having previous experience ... which you can only get by holding a job ... which you can't land unless you have previous experience.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... bureaucrats always make you file a complaint form to report that they've misplaced one of your other forms, ... and then they promptly misplace your complaint form.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... anyone who's sick enough to need a prescription drug is obviously in no condition to figure out how to open one of those "child-proof" medicine bottles.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... it's only your questionable word against the phone company's infallible computer when you claim you didn't make 5 calls to the recorded voice in Perth, Australia, that gives the correct time.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... the only time you're allowed to park your car within walking distance of most stores is when they're closed.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... saving money by patronizing a self-service gas station means that nobody ever checks your radiator, which means you're sure to burn up your engine, which means you really aren't saving money.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... it's impossible to survive a hospital's endless admitting procedure unless you have the wisdom to check in before you get sick.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... all cars are carefully designed to make it impossible for a mechanic to repair one part without breaking at least two others.

## YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE...



... camping out all night to be the first in line for tickets to a David Bowie concert only means you'll probably be mugged and robbed of your ticket money before the box office opens.



THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEPT.

# TEN LITTLE BUSINESSMEN

Each one in his glory,  
Sold their wares in stores like these  
Until...well, here's their story—

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

IDEA: CHARLES M. De FUCCIO



Ten Little Businessmen,  
Making out just fine;  
One clashed with a fast food chain;  
The crunch left only nine.



Nine Little Businessmen,  
Pondering their fate;  
One defied a labor boss;  
The strike left only eight.



Eight Little Businessmen,  
With no hope in Heaven;  
One received a raise in rent;  
The squeeze left only seven.



Four Little Businessmen,  
Watching crime run free;  
One had his insurance dropped;  
The shock left only three.

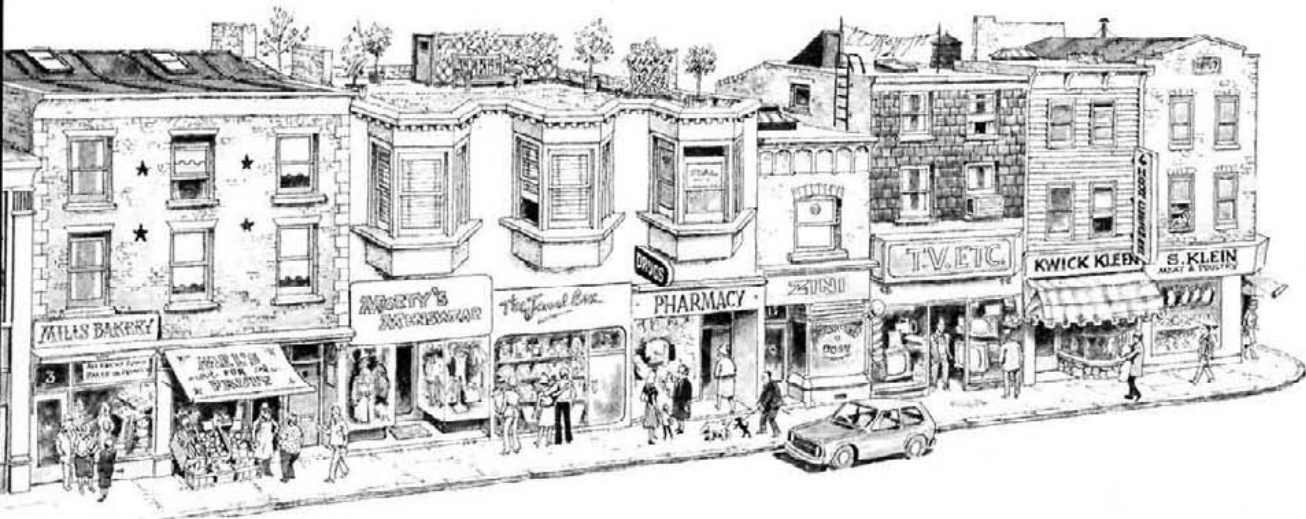


Three Little Businessmen,  
Praying they'll pull through;  
One was stormed by looting mobs;  
The loss left only two.



Two Little Businessmen,  
Bankrupt and undone;  
One employed "Tyron the Torch";  
The blaze left only one.





Seven Little Businessmen,  
In a dreadful fix;  
One "protection" wouldn't pay;  
The hit left only six.



Six Little Businessmen,  
Only half alive;  
One was burgled in the night;  
The haul left only five.



Five Little Businessmen,  
In a losing war;  
One laughed off a junkie's threat;  
The shot left only four.



One Little Businessman,  
Scared and on the run;  
He's closing up for good today;  
And then there will be none.



ONE TO A CUSTOMER DEPT.

# HERE IS THE ULTIMATE IN PLANNED **MAD ONE-TIME**

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

SKYDIVERS LAST RITES/KADISH  
EMERGENCY CASSETTE PLAYER



995.7 MM LOW-TAR MENTHOLATED CONDEMNED Dictator FILTER CIGARETTE



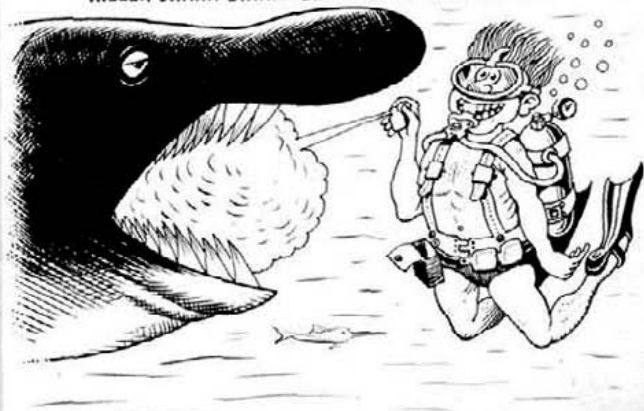
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SWANSON'S GOURMET LAST MEAL FROZEN TV DINNER



KILLER-SHARK BINAKA-BLAST BREATH SWEETENER



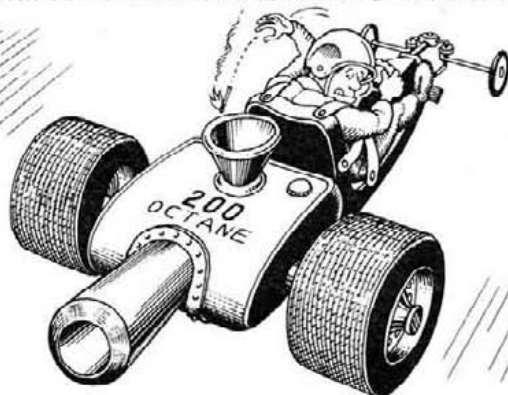




# BOLESCENCE...AN ASSORTMENT OF... USE PRODUCTS

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495.7 MPH EXTERNAL-COMBUSTION-DRIVE DRAG RACER



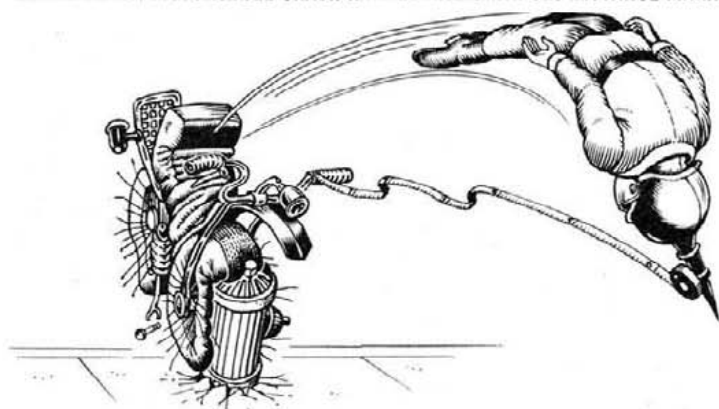
SAN ANDREAS FAULT SPLIT-LEVEL CLIFF-HOUSEBOAT



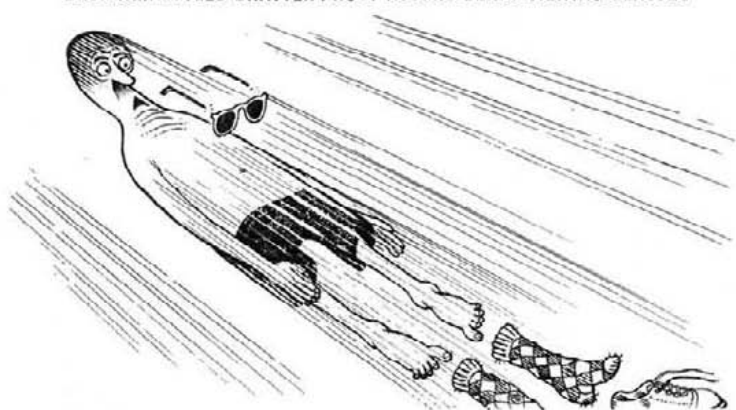
ABSENT-MINDED DROWNING VICTIMS  
WHOLE LIFE 8MM PROJECTOR-VIEWER



COMBINATION MOTORCYCLE CRASH HELMET AND CATAPULT DISTANCE MARKER



DESIGNER-STYLED SHATTER-PROOF ATOMIC BLAST VIEWING GLASSES



LOVERS-LEAP UNISEX COMBINATION JUMPSUIT



COMBINATION LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AIR SICKNESS BAG



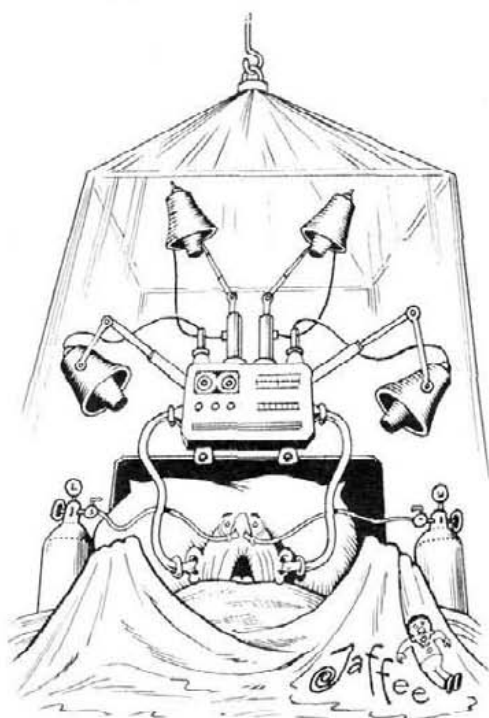
END-OF-THE-WORLD DOOMSDAY DIGITAL-TYPE CLOCK-RADIO



MULTI-FACED NOISELESS ELECTRIC RANSOM NOTE TYPEWRITER



INTENSIVE CARE HI-FI 8-TRACK OXYGEN TENT STEREO UNIT WITH OPTIONAL INTRAVENOUS HEADPHONES



VULTURE-SCAVENGER PEST-CONTROL AEROSOL SPRAY



COUNTER-SCHLOCKWISE DEPT.

A few years ago, there was an Academy Award-winning movie about a woman whose husband was killed in an accident, leaving her with no money and a 12-year-old son to raise. Then some bright TV Network executive thought this would make a great premise for a weekly comedy series. The result? Well, all we can say is:

# ALAS

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE









Don't knock education! Look what it done for me!

What'd they do, put you in a bottle of alcohol and study you...?

It so happens, I went to college under the G.I. Bill!

"G.I. Bill"! I saw that movie on the Late Show!

You went to college, Smel?



No offense, Smel... but I find it hard to believe that you went to college!

So do our viewers! But making me a college man as well as a vet means I can bring in my college chums and army buddies for Alas to date... and strike out with! As a matter of fact, my old college roommate is gonna be visting me today!

When I'm in college I'm gonna have a real groovy chick for a roommate!

That's a keen idea, Tum! Then you can always have fresh EGGS for breakfast!



Is your college roommate married, Smel?

Is he engaged, pinned, going steady, have a social disease or impotent?

There must be something wrong with him! I'll bet he's GAY!

What's wrong with that? I like jolly people!

No!

No to all that!



He's straight! A regular guy! Just like me!

I KNEW there was somethin' wrong with him!



Smel, you ol' son of a gun!!

Rocky!!



Smel... this gorgeous hunk of man ain't nothin' like you! He can flick mah Bic anytime he wants to!

Rocky, meet the girls! The one with the big mouth is Flu—

She's Vermin—

An' she's Alas!

Hi! I'm a widow with a charming, freckle-faced son! Tum! Say something charming!

Hi! My Mom has a great body, and she doesn't have a date tonight!

She does now!

Boy... can you imagine what would happen in real life if a kid talked the way I do?!



Golly, ah can't wait to hear if Alas scored las' night!

Here she comes!

Oh, my achin' back!

Touchdown!!







# ONE EVENING IN A BUS STATION









# ONE EVENING IN THE CITY

